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In response to the Notice to Comply with the Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed January 10, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application. Attached as Exhibit A is a marked-up copy of the amended paragraphs in the specification indicating the amendments made herein, attached as Exhibit B is a marked-up copy of the amended claims indicating the amendments made herein, and attached as Exhibit C is a copy of the claims as pending incorporating the amendments made herein.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith (a) Transmittal of Sequence Listing; (b) a paper and computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing; and (c) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs in the specification to recite as follows: